<u>ABSTRACT</u>

An architecture for providing software application service includes an intranet comprising redundant links to a network and redundant switches for reliable provision of application services to client systems over the network. The intranet provides a common

5   interface for managing organizations and their users, granting access to application software, including only certain versions thereof, and data sets, tracking usage of services and performing periodic backing up of data. The architecture of the intranet is scalable so that application, administrative and brokering servers may be quickly added to keep up with exponential increases in demand.

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